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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1969

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NORTHALLERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council :

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Owing to the retirement for Medical reasons of Dr. Diggles, I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Health of the District for 1969. The report follows the same lines as previous reports.

The state of the health of the district is satisfactory. The main vital statistics are as follows. Birth rate, adjusted by the comparability factor, 16·1, lower than that for England and Wales (16·3) ; Infant Mortality rate. (Deaths of infants under 1 year per 1,00 births) 21, higher than that for England and Wales (18) ; General Death Rate (Adjusted) 9·5, lower than that for England and Wales 11·9. There were no maternal deaths and four stillbirths.

The water supply authority for the district is the Northallerton and the Dales Water Board and I am indebted to their Engineer for the following report :— The Board's main efforts continue to be directed towards locating and developing suitable new sources of supply. This is necessary to make up for existing "dry weather" deficiences, to meet the growing demand for water and to enable numerous small and isolated supplies to be replaced by more economic linked schemes.

Throughout the year, routine bacteriological samples were taken by the Board and examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

Link mains were being laid from Raby Lane towards North Cowton, Kiplin to Whitwell and at Yafforth to improve the supplies in the areas concerned. Inconvenience is still caused to consumers in the Pepper Arden area, particularly, due to the high incidence of bursts caused by soil movement.

It was necessary to impose a hosepipe ban in early September to reduce the demand for water during the Autumn period.

Progress continues to be made in the provision of adequate sewerage and sewage disposal schemes for those villages where the existing circumstances are unsatisfactory but it is important that completed schemes for all the villages are achieved as quickly as possible.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H. R. MORRISON,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(*a*) General Statistics.

Area (in acres)	63,512
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate of Resident Population in mid-year 1969)	9,780
Population (1951 census)	8,484
Population (1961 census)	8,610
Number of inhabited houses (1951)	2,458
Number of inhabited houses (1969)	3,737
Rateable value of district (April, 1970) ..	£287,630
Product of 1d. Rate (31st March, 1970) ..	£1,114

(*b*) Vital Statistics (As supplied by Registrar General).

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit.	Illegit.	Total	Legit.	Illegit.
Live Births ..	71	67	4	75	71	4
Still Births ..	2	2	—	2	2	—
Infant Deaths—						
Under 1 year ..	2	2	—	1	1	—
Under 4 weeks ..	2	2	—	—	—	—
Under 1 week ..	2	2	—	—	—	—

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ..	—	1	1
do Lung, Bronchus	3	1	4
do Breast ..	—	2	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms etc. ..	1	3	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ..	—	1	1
do Intestine ..	2	1	3
do Uterus ..	—	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	15	9	24
Other forms of Heart Disease ..	2	5	7
Pneumonia	2	3	5
Bronchitus and Emphysema ..	2	2	4
Influenza	—	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	—	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ..	—	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	—	2	2
Asthma	1	—	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System ..	—	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	1	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	11	4	15
Other Diseases of Circulatory System..	5	1	6
Other Diseases of Respiratory System..	1	—	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ..	—	1	1
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality ..	2	—	2
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	—	2	2
All Other Accidents	1	4	5
Total (All Causes)	49	48	97

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It was not necessary to take action under the 1951 Amendment of Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises persons who are not able to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

The details of the staff are given at the beginning of the report.

Laboratories Facilities.

Laboratories facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Ambulance Facilities.

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station in Brompton Road, Northallerton.

Hospital Facilities.

Local Hospital accommodation is provided in the area by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board.

In addition a considerable number of residents in the area are treated in Darlington and Middlesbrough hospitals.

Nursing in the Homes.

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council with day to day administration dealt with by the Area Medical Officer. The Staff operating in the Northallerton Rural District comprises five District Nurse/Midwives and one health visitor.

Home Help Service.

This is provided by the County Council, the day to day administration again being dealt with by the Area Medical Officer.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supplies.

Additional details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION D.

Housing.

Work continued on 31 bungalows and flats at Romanby.

Of the unfit houses in the district, 7 were either demolished, closed or converted to uses other than housing.

Details of houses improved are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION E.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION F.
PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious diseases notified	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	1	4
Measles	1	—	1
Infective Jaundice	6	3	9

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR for the year 1969.

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for the year 1969.

General Sanitary Work.

483 inspections and 471 reinspections of premises were made under the Public Health and Housing Acts. 162 Informal Notices were served upon the owner/occupier of premises in respect of nuisances occurring thereon.

8 Statutory Notices were served.

Analysis of Inspections, 1969.

Under Public Health and Housing Acts	483
Inspection of Council Houses	750
Tents, Vans and Sheds	23
Verminous Premises	1
Total Inspections of Housing Conditions	1,257
Private Slaughterhouses	207
Bakehouses	4
Milk Retailers	0
Ice Cream Sellers	12
Fried Fish Shops	8
Food Preparing Rooms	9
Food Premises	34
Total Inspections with regard to Food	274

Investigations of Complaints	476
Drain Tests	187
Rat Inspections	824
Factories and Workshops	17
Water Supplies	8
Water Samples (Bact.)	7
,, (Chem.)	0
Rivers and Streams	20
Building Construction Inspections	656
Sewage Works Inspections	318
Refuse Tip Inspections	156
Total of other Inspections	2,669
Grand total of Inspections	4,200

Summary of Sanitary Improvements. 1969.

Repairs to Roofs	30
,, ,, Walls, Pointing, etc.	27
,, Fallpipes and Eaves gutters	30
,, ,, Chimneys, Firegrates and Ovens	22
,, ,, Windows and Doors	16
,, ,, Floors	28
,, ,, Staircases	16
,, ,, Yard Surfaces	10
,, ,, and improvements to House Drains	67
,, ,, Coalhouses and Wash houses	1
Damp conditions remedied	27
Dirty and verminous houses cleaned	1

Water Supplies.

Insufficient supplies improved	2
Burst pipes and taps repaired	4
Internal supplies provided	1

Sanitary Conveniences.

W.C.'s and Yard Gullies cleansed	14
Pan Closets and Ashpits abolished	21
New Water Closets provided	29
Dust Bins provided and renewed	2

Drainage.

Obstructed drains and sewers cleaned			279
New sinks provided			34
Systems improved			29
Cesspools and Septic Tanks emptied—Council		54	
Private		70	
		—	124
Water Courses cleaned			12
New Septic Tanks			12

Shops and Food Premises.

New Food Preparation Apparatus	4
Walls, Floors, Ceilings, Cleansed and Decorated	2
Towels provided	0
Hot Water	0

Factories.

W.C.'s repaired	0
Wall, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments repaired cleansed and painted	2
Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments cleansed only	1
New Lighting (to closets)	0

General.

Nuisances caused by keeping Animals abated	4
TOTAL	851

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	24	17	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority excluding out-workers' premises	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total ..	24	17	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(if defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more " cases ").

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) ..					
(*a*) insufficient ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(*c*) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Outworkers.

There are two outworkers within the District.

Factories with power.

Year 1969.

Ainderby Steeple	2
Borrowby	1
Brompton	2
Deighton	1
East Cowton	3
Hutton Bonville	1
Great Smeaton	1
Morton-on-Swale	1
Osmotherley	3
Romanby	9
	24

Trades.

Builders	15
Bakers	3
Motor Repair Shops	12
Blacksmiths	2
Milk and Milk Products Manufacturers ..	1
Cold Stores	1
Sawmills	3
Millers	2
Sand and Gravel	2
Saddlers	1
Joiners	9
Vehicle Dismantlers	1
Cattle Marts	1
Vegetable Pre-packer	1
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The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Hereunder is reproduced details of the annual report to be submitted under Section 60 of the Act.

TABLE A

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	—	7	3
Retail shops	—	13	9
Wholesale shops, warehouses ..	—	3	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	7	3
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	—	30	16

TABLE B

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

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TABLE C

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	43
Retail shops	27
Wholesale departments, warehouses ..	20
Catering establishments open to the public	10
Canteens	1
Fuel storage depots	—
Total	101
Total Males ..	56
Total Females ..	45

TABLE D—Exemptions

Class of premises (1)	No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec. (2)	No. of exemptions granted or extended during year (3)	No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year (4)	No. of cases in cols. (3) and (4) where employees opposed application (5)	Appeals to Court against refusal to grant or extend an exemption or against the withdrawal of an exemption	
					No. made (6)	No. allowed (7)
Part I—Space (Sec. 5 (2))						
Offices	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Retail shops						
Wholesale shops, warehouses						
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..						
Fuel storage depots ..						
Part II—Temperature (Sec. 6)						
Offices	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Retail shops						
Wholesale shops, warehouses						
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..						
Fuel storage depots ..						

TABLE D—EXEMPTIONS

Class of premises	No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec.	No. of exemptions granted or extended during year	No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year	No. of cases in cols. (3) and (4) where employees opposed application	Appeals to Court against refusal to grant or extend an exemption or against the withdrawal of an exemption	
					No. made	No. allowed
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Part III—Sanitary Conveniencies (Sec. 9)						
Offices						
Retail shops						
Wholesale shops, warehouses	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..						
Fuel storage depots ..						
Part IV—Washing Facilities (Sec. 10)						
Offices						
Retail shops						
Wholesale shops, warehouses	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..						
Fuel storage depots ..						

TABLE E

PROSECUTIONS—Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the year

Section of Act or title of Regulation or Order	No. of persons or companies prosecuted	No. of informations laid	No. of informations leading to a conviction
	Nil	Nil	Nil

No. of complaints (or summary applications) made under section 22—Nil
No. of interim orders granted—Nil

TABLE F

INSPECTORS

No of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act—3

No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act .. .. .. Nil

Housing and New Buildings

The Building Regulations which came into force in February 1966 continue to involve the staff in a greatly increased work load regarding the detailed examination of plans and, of course, the volume of private development continues to increase with the essential and associated co-operation of your officers.

656 visits were made to or in respect of new buildings and buildings under construction.

The table below gives details of houses under construction and completed since 1945 in their respective Parishes :—

By Private Enterprise.

Parish	Completed 1945 to 1969	Completed during 1969	Under Construction at end of 1969
Ainderby Steeple ..	9	–	–
Appleton Wiske ..	11	6	2
Birkby	4	–	–
Brompton	121	–	–
Borrowby	14	1	2
Cotcliffe	2	–	–
Crosby	1	–	–
Danby Wiske	2	–	–
Deighton	9	–	–
Ellerbeck	1	–	–
East Harlsey	4	1	1
East Cowton	36	16	18
South Cowton ..	5	–	–
Hornby	3	–	–
Hutton Bonville ..	9	–	–
Great Langton ..	4	–	–
Little Langton ..	1	–	–
Great Smeaton ..	8	–	–
Kirby Sigston ..	7	1	–
Lazenby	3	–	–
Leake	2	–	–
Osmotherley	20	–	–
Over Silton	1	–	–
Nether Silton	2	1	–
Morton-on-Swale ..	17	–	–
Romanby	686	68	106
Thornton-le-Beans ..	24	10	–
Thrintoft	4	1	2
Warlaby	4	–	–
Welbury	11	4	5
West Harlsey	3	–	–
West Rounton ..	11	–	–
Whitwell	2	–	–
Winton	1	–	–
Total	1,042	109	136

By Northallerton Rural District Council.

Parish	Total number of Council Houses December, 1969	Completed during 1969	Under Construction at end of 1969
Ainderby Steeple ..	4	–	–
Appleton Wiske ..	38	–	–
Borrowby	14	–	–
Brompton	139	–	–
Danby Wiske	8	–	–
Deighton	2	–	–
East Cowton	11	–	–
East Harlsey	2	–	–
Ellerbeck	4	–	–
Great Langton ..	4	–	–
Great Smeaton ..	6	–	–
Hornby	2	–	–
Kirby Sigston ..	2	–	–
Morton-on-Swale ..	6	–	–
Nether Silton	2	–	–
Osmotherley	41	–	–
Romanby	219	15	16
Thornton-le-Beans ..	2	–	–
Thrintoft	8	–	–
Welbury	2	–	–
Yafforth	4	–	–
	520	15	16

PLANS ANALYSIS. PLANS. 280 Plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table.

Parish	Layout	New Buildings	Alterations to Dwellings	Garages Sheds Greenhouses Caravans etc.	Miscel-laneous	Agricultural Buildings	Bathrooms & W.C.'s etc.	Total
Ainderby Steeple ..	5	2	—	—	—	—	5	12
Appleton Wiske ..	2	4	4	2	—	—	—	12
Birkby ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Borrowby ..	3	4	3	—	—	1	2	13
Brompton ..	8	4	8	11	2	1	2	36
Cotcliffe ..	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
Cowton, East ..	7	8	4	1	—	—	2	22
Danby Wiske ..	4	—	—	—	—	4	—	8
Harlsey, East ..	1	—	3	—	—	1	2	7
Harlsey, West ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hornby ..	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	4
Hutton Bonville ..	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	3
Kiplin ..	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Kirby Sigston ..	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	5
Morton-upon-Swale ..	3	3	1	1	1	—	1	10
Osmotherley ..	2	3	9	3	—	1	4	22
Romanby ..	8	15	13	30	2	1	2	71
Rounton, West ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Smeaton, Great ..	6	1	2	2	1	1	—	13
Silton, Nether ..	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Silton, Over ..	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	3
Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Thrintoft ..	—	3	—	2	—	1	1	7
Thimbleby ..	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2
Warlaby ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Welbury ..	—	3	1	—	—	1	1	6
Winton ..	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	3
Yafforth ..	4	3	2	—	—	1	—	10
TOTAL ..	62	60	57	55	8	16	22	280

HOUSING ACTS.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.

A. Houses Demolished.

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during quarter	
		Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc. ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957 ..	1	Nil	Nil
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Nil	Nil	Nil
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	Nil	Nil	Nil

B. Unfit Houses Closed.

	Unfit Houses closed	Displaced during year	
	Number	Persons	Families
(8) Under Section 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957 .. and Section 26 Housing Act 1961	7	12	2
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957 ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil

C. Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by local authority	30	Nil
(12) After formal notice under		
(*a*) Public Health Acts ..	Nil	Nil
(*b*) Section 9 and 16 Housing Acts, 1957	Nil	Nil
(13) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil

D. Unfit Houses in Temporary use (Housing Act, 1957).

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of quarter		
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(*a*) under Section 48 ..	Nil	Nil
(*b*) under Section 17 (2) ..	Nil	Nil
(*c*) under Section 46 ..	Nil	Nil
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil	Nil

E. Purchase of Houses by Agreement.

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year ..	Nil	Nil

Housing Acts. Improvement Grants.

During the year the 1969 Housing Act came into force which increased the maximum Discretionery Grant to £1,000 and the Standard Grant to £200. 30 Discretionary grants were approved amounting to an estimated value of £16,891 and 34 Standard grants amounting to an estimated value of £1,912 Three-quarters of the money spent on these grants is made available by the Treasury and the remaining quarter out of the local Rate Fund.

The Council are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and support in grant-aiding house improvements and it is interesting to note that over the past 15 years some 524 Discretionary Grants to the total value of £148,255 and 244 Standard Grants to the total value of £24,257 have been made. Bearing in mind that these figures represent half of the cost of improvements, over £350,000 worth of improvements have been carried out excluding the cost of necessary and incidental repairs.

Streams and Watercourses.

Streams have been cleansed at Morton-on-Swale, Thrintoft, East Cowton, Thornton-le-Beans, Hornby and Great Langton.

As mentioned in previous reports. there is a continuing incidence of pollution of streams throughout the area and no marked improvement can be expected until sewage disposal schemes have been provided for 11 villages. The waste from farms, both in and out of the villages, play a large part in polluting conditions as such wastes are stronger than sewage from humans.

Part of the village of Morton on Swale is subject to flooding conditions during heavy rains and it is considered that the risk of these conditions obtaining can only be diminished or alleviated by works of improvement to the watercourse which is under the control of the Upper Swale Drainage Board.

Part of the village of East Cowton is affected by flooding from time to time and consultations are taking place with the County Council as to joint action.

Rodent Control.

In exercise of their responsibilities under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, the Council employ a full-time operator.

Dwelling houses may receive a free service for the eradication of rats and mice, but not farms and business premises. The services of the operator are available to farmers, etc., on either a contract or casual basis.

During 1969, 12 months contracts were secured in respect of 69 farms. The total value of the contracts was £521 19s. 0d. The highest contract was £19, and the lowest £3 : the average contract figure being £7 11s. 6d.

The following table shows particulars of work carried out :—

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Annual Report on Rats and Mice

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Year ended 31st December, 1969

Northallerton R.D.C.

Yorkshire (North Riding)

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property: Non-Agricultutal	Type of Property: Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district ..	3,220	619
2. *a* Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	134	7
b Number infested by—		
(i) Rats	23	4
(ii) Mice	37	2
3. *a* Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	64	387
b Number infested by—		
(i) Rats	33	298
(ii) Mice	31	23

Sewers

4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the year ? YES

Water Supplies.

Piped water is supplied throughout the area by the Northallerton and The Dales Water Board. The water is pressure-filtered, chlorinated, and is of a high degree of purity.

1. (*a*) Throughout the year the water supply for the area was satisfactory both in quality and in quantity ; the latter only so far as essential use is concerned.

   (*b*) Any contamination of the supply was dealt with by extra chlorination and flushing of the mains.

(*c*) The following Table shows details of houses supplied with water throughout the area :—

Parish	Total Domestic Properties	Houses supplied by		Private piped supply in houses or metered Cottage—Estimated (3)	Population	
		R.V. (1)	Meter (2)		Direct	Stand Pipe
Ainderby Steeple ..	85	78	6	—	247	—
Appleton Wiske ..	136	102	26	5	344	—
Birkby ..	16	6	6	1	48	—
Borrowby ..	125	94	24	4	309	—
Brompton ..	663	604	57	—	1,697	—
Cotcliffe ..	2	—	—	—	—	—
Crosby ..	8	1	5	—	17	—
Cowton, East ..	148	113	24	3	429	—
Cowton, South ..	49	26	12	4	125	—
Danby Wiske ..	73	41	23	1	230	—
Deighton ..	32	14	16	1	108	—
Ellerbeck ..	17	10	7	—	54	—
Harlsey, East ..	89	59	16	11	241	—
Harlsey, West ..	17	6	17	2	60	—
Hornby ..	60	34	21	2	183	—
Hutton Bonville ..	27	10	10	2	130	—
Kiplin ..	25	16	5	2	66	—
Kirby Sigston ..	27	12	10	—	43	—
Langton, Great ..	28	22	5	—	70	—
Langton, Little ..	21	6	2	9	72	—
Landmoth-cum-Catto ..	6	—	4	—	12	—
Lazenby ..	15	9	3	—	42	—
Leake ..	2	—	—	1	7	—
Morton-on-Swale ..	82	66	9	4	243	—
Otterington, North ..	14	3	3	8	38	—
Osmotherley ..	284	263	12	7	583	—
Romanby ..	1,259	1,224	35	—	2,984	—
Rounton, West ..	56	37	16	3	162	—
Smeaton, Great ..	60	45	8	3	176	—
Smeaton, Little ..	16	4	9	2	54	—
Silton, Nether ..	40	27	2	7	161	—
Silton, Over ..	14	7	3	3	37	—
Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe	14	3	9	2	45	—
Thrintoft ..	34	24	8	1	106	—
Thimbleby ..	24	11	8	2	28	—
Thornton-le-Beans ..	74	34	13	9	220	—
Warlaby ..	14	9	3	—	36	—
Welbury ..	69	41	22	3	196	—
Whitwell ..	11	2	2	5	37	—
Winton ..	16	3	11	1	47	—
Yafforth ..	45	28	11	3	102	—
	3,797	3,094	481	110	9,789	—
		481				
		110				
		3,683				

(*d*) The fluoride content of the water is not known.

2. (*a*) The Board's Officers submitted 182 samples for bacteriological examination during the year, 3 samples had readings and 20 samples were taken of raw water. In addition, your own officers took 7 samples during the year of which 3 proved satisfactory and 4 proved unsatisfactory.
1 chemical analysis was made during the year and proved satisfactory.

(*b*) The raw water is liable to have plumbo-solvent action, but lime treatment is applied at the Osmotherley plant.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

In January the Council took delivery of a new refuse vehicle :— a Shelvoke and Drewry 35 cubic yard Powerpress Fore and Aft Tipper and this vehicle has eased operational difficulties. Repairs have been carried out to the old Shelvoke and Drewry Fore and Aft Tipper, and these two vehicles each with a 5 man crew, take care of the village collections.

The Karrier C.K. 3 Side Loader has also been repaired and is now used, with a 2 man crew, on 2 days per week to collect in the more remote parts of the area and from farms. Thus a weekly collection of bins and pans is made from almost every property in the rural area. All refuse is tipped at the Council's central tip in Yafforth Road. Bulk fuel is purchased by the Council with resultant economy.

The following Tables show particulars of the service during the year.

Refuse Collection

PAJ 588G (Fore and Aft) Power Press.

Parish	Emptied		
	Bins	Pans	
Appleton Wiske ..	3,537	70	
Brompton ..	16,486	—	
Cowton, East ..	4,111	242	
Danby Wiske ..	2,765	301	Total hours worked by crew 2,113½
Deighton ..	1,147	26	
Harlsey, East ..	2,945	219	
Hornby ..	1,228	120	Total number of loads 552½
Hutton Bonville ..	1,376	—	
Osmotherley ..	16,926	88	
Romanby ..	29,280	—	Total mileage 7,560
Rounton, West ..	1,472	286	
Smeaton, Great ..	3,632	66	
Welbury ..	2,902	213	
Yafforth ..	1,388	78	
	89,195	1,709	

TPY 152 (Fore and Aft).

Parish	Emptied		
	Bins	Pans	
Ainderby Steeple ..	3,407	195	
Appleton Wiske ..	222	5	
Borrowby ..	3,980	510	
Brompton ..	8,650	—	
Crosby ..	435	—	
East Cowton ..	144	20	
South Cowton ..	1,490	—	
Danby Wiske ..	633	—	
Deighton ..	98	6	
East Harlsey ..	194	18	Total Hours worked by crew 1,826½
West Harlsey ..	240	—	
Hornby ..	81	9	
Hutton Bonville ..	64	—	Total number of loads 495
Kiplin ..	745	—	
Kirby Sigston ..	440	16	
Great Langton ..	1,605	210	
Morton-on-Swale ..	3,500	240	Total mileage 9,137
North Otterington ..	545	—	
Osmotherley ..	1,032	5	
Romanby ..	30,280	—	
West Rounton ..	128	24	
Great Smeaton ..	230	5	
Nether Silton ..	980	210	
Over Silton ..	790	201	
Sowerby ..	240	—	
Thrintoft ..	1,205	170	
Thimbleby ..	300	60	
Thornton-le-Beans ..	1,810	201	
Warlaby ..	570	—	
Welbury ..	142	15	
Whitwell ..	295	—	
Yafforth ..	36	2	
	64,511	2,122	

32 APY (Side Loader).

Parish	Emptied		
	Bins	Pans	
Ainderby Steeple ..	1,020	160	
Borrowby ..	1,200	305	
Brompton ..	2,600	—	
Crosby ..	180	—	
East Cowton ..	—	—	
South Cowton ..	390	—	
Danby Wiske ..	165	—	
West Harlsey ..	70	—	
Hornby ..	3	—	Total Hours worked by crew 558½
Kiplin ..	220	—	
Kirby Sigston ..	120	5	
Great Langton ..	520	60	Total number of loads 160
Landmoth ..	—	—	
Morton-on-Swale ..	1,080	160	
North Otterington ..	140	—	Total mileage 2,072
Romanby ..	8,920	—	
West Rounton ..	—	—	
Great Smeaton ..	1	—	
Nether Silton ..	350	65	
Over Silton ..	290	59	
Sowerby ..	90	—	
Thrintoft ..	345	50	
Thimbleby ..	90	30	
Thornton-le-Beans ..	410	60	
Warlaby ..	180	—	
Whitwell ..	110	—	
Yafforth ..	36	2	
	18,530	956	

Total	Hours	9,528½
,,	Loads	1,207½
,,	Mileage	18,769

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.

The following is a list of food premises in the District :—

General Provisions	29
Confectioners	4
Butchers	6
Bakers	3
Greengrocers	1
Cafes	3
Fried Fish Shops	2
Dried Milk Factory	1
Cold Store	1
Vegetable Pre-packing Plant ..	1
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Premises registered for the sale of ice cream :—

General Provisions	17
Confectioners	4
Cafes	3
	24

All the above premises comply with Regulation 16 (Provision of wash basin and H. & C. water supply).

All the above premises with the exception of 3 confectioners and the cold store, which are exempt, comply with Section 19 (Provision for washing food and equipment).

There are no ice cream manufacturers in the area.

34 inspections were made and conditions generally were found to be good. 6 informal notice were served and complied with by the proprietors.

There are 33 inns or public houses within the area and the majority of these have now been brought up to the necessary standard.

There are no poultry processing premises in the District.

Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspections.

There are 2 private slaughterhouses situate at :—

Morton-on-Swale
Great Smeaton

In accordance with the Meat Regulations 1963 the Council levy Meat Inspection charges as follows :—

2/6d. per beast.
9d. per pig.
6d. per sheep.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part for Year ending 1969.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed ..	390	Nil	1	1,154	342	Nil
Number inspected ..	390	Nil	1	1,154	342	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcase condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	16	Nil	1	4	1	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ..	3·95%	Nil	100%	0·17%	0·29%	Nil
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Percentages of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	0·29%	Nil
Cysticerci						
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The total weight of meat and offal condemned was 2 cwt. 13 lbs. In addition 18 tins of food (mainly corned beef) were condemned—principally at the Cold Store, Romanby—the total weight being 25 lbs.

The Meat (Sterilization) Regulations, 1969 came into force in November and these replace previous legislation and require all unfit meat to be sterilized before removal from the slaughterhouse. The only exemption from these Regulations is for unfit meat in transit to a processor or zoo etc., and it must be in locked containers bearing the words—"MEAT UNFIT FOR HUMAN COMSUMPTION" or similar.

A 100% meat inspection service is carried out by your officers and the slaughter-houses are maintained very satisfactorily.

Drainage and Sewage.

Schemes of sewerage and sewage disposal are still urgently required for the undermentioned Parishes and essential preliminary steps continue to be taken by your officers so that schemes might be submitted to the Ministry. Land acquisition for schemes of this kind tends to be protracted.

Danby Wiske

Deighton

Harlsey, East

Hornby

Langton, Great

Rounton, West

Silton, Over

Thimbleby

Thornton-le-Beans

Welbury

Yafforth.

During the year, contractors commenced work on the schemes for Borrowby and Great Smeaton.

In April, 1969 the Council authorised the provision of a free cesspool emptying service and this was commenced during the year.

Settling tanks in villages were cleared out on 27 occasions and one looks forward to the day when all the village schemes are completed and these unsatisfactory tanks are no longer used for sewerage purposes.

Closet Conversions.

During the year, the following water closets were provided by way of conversions :—

Parish	No.
Ainderby Steeple	3
Appleton Wiske	3
Borrowby	4
Brompton	1
Crosby	1
East Cowton	3
Hornby	2
Kirby Sigston	1
Morton-upon-Swale	3
North Otterington	1
Thornton-le-Beans	3
Welbury	2
West Rounton	2
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Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are none within the rural area to which the public have access. There are two private swimming pools : 1 at Osmotherley and 1 at Great Smeaton.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation of the support which is given to me by members of the Council and my fellow Officials ; also to acknowledge the loyal service of the outside manual staff who carry out their duties conscientiously with the minimum of supervision. I should also like to pay a personal tribute to the loyal service over many years of the late Mr. W. Stokes, Clerk of Works.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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